Baker's Trial Opens Monday

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Bobby Baker, who built a Guesses on the length of trial has been filed. fortune while he worked as the Baker trial run to three secretary to the Senate's months. The prosecution es-Democratic majority, goes to timates a minimum of three trial here Monday on charges weeks to present its case of tax evasion, theft and con- against the 38-year-old onespiracy.

sexy overtones of earlier then Majority Leader, Lyndon Baker controversy, but pos- B. Johnson. tion-48 years in prison and ago by a Federal grand jury \$47,000 in fines—are far great- after a 15-month investigation. "Obviously 1 don't know the case is the Government's ader than the denunciation the He has pleaded innocent. Senate Rules Committee gave Selection of 12 jurors and tion." him in 1965.

Court could also provide fuel proceedings before District

troversy.

time confidant of many Demo-The trial may not have the cratic senators, including the

sible consequences of convic- Baker was indicted a year

six alternates is the expected The trial in U.S. District first order of business in the

no new motion to delay the and loan man, transporting it

Government Prosecutor Wil- part of it. liam O. Bittman, fearing a Conspiring with associate

would take three or four weeks A controversial element in to present his case, adding, the latest round of the Baker length of the cross-examina-mitted electronic eavesdrop-

Baker came to the Senate tions. as a knickers-wearing 14-year- The FBI said he conversaold page boy from Pickens, lions were picked up in-S.C. He became majority sec-kidental to a general surveilretary in 1955 and served in lance of organized crime. The this important behind-the-Mustice Department said the scenes post until October, Baker indictment is not based 1963, when he resigned under on any information gleaned fire. He is charged with:

• Filing false income-tax \ After a pretrial hearing late returns for 1961 and 1962, un last year which centered derstating his income by \$54, pround the bugging, Judge 558,91 and evading more than Gasch refused to throw out \$23,000 in taxes for those the indictment but he barred years.

theft by accepting \$67,000 and any person who cannot from two officials of Los An- be identified. geles savings and loan associa- [Gasch also rejected an attions, and omitting substantial fempt by defense counsel Edportions of the amounts from ward Bennett Williams to his tax returns.

· Obtaining \$33,000 by three separate trials.]

for renewed political con-Judge Oliver Gasch. So far, fraud from another savings by interstate commerce and failing to report a substantial

> delay motion if his plan of Wayne L. Bromley and forattack is publicized in ad-mer Lt. Gov. Clifford Jones of vance, declines to say how Nevada to conceal the nature, many witnesses he will call purpose and intended recipient or to go into other details of of payments made by five prosecution tactics. companies seemingly to Brom-He did speculate that it ley but actually to Baker.

ping of some Baker conversa-

from the bugging.

from evidence any recorded · Committing felonious conversation between Baker

have the ease divided into